

Adopt a



Dumpster

The Adopt-A-Dumpster Program is a partnership between the City of San Antonio and Waste Management, and provides free paint to volunteers interested in abating graffiti on Waste Management dumpsters.

How It Works, in 3 Easy Steps!

- 1. Obtain signed Right Of Entry (ROE) form from property owner**
- 2. Complete Community Volunteer Application**
 - **Document (photograph dumpster, if possible) and submit proposed project site(s), and ROE**
- 3. Upon approval, Coordinate pick-up/delivery of paint and supplies as well as signed liability release forms for all volunteers**

Paint Tips

- Color-match paint to surface, using only the paint provided. Save a small amount of paint for necessary touch-ups.
- Take precautions against drips and spills.
- Avoid painting over the Waste Management sticker, if needed, additional stickers will be provided.
- Tape “Wet Paint” sign to dumpster lid or handle

Do not get discouraged

- Repeated paint-overs will likely be needed, as the vandals will try again. However, if you remove it promptly, the vandal will realize that graffiti is no longer tolerated in that area and will move on.

Handling and storage of chemical agents:

- Rubber and/or latex gloves should always be worn.
- Adhere to application directions on product label.
- Proper clothing and footwear (no sandals) should be worn.
- Properly dispose of water used to clean equipment.
- Properly dispose of unusable paint.

Occupational hygiene:

- There are three routes by which substances can be absorbed into the body. They may be ingested through the mouth, absorbed through the skin or inhaled.
- Use of drugs or alcohol should be strictly prohibited while working.
- Smoking should be strictly prohibited while working.
- No eating or drinking while working.

Safety Tips

1. **Wear an orange safety vest** – when involved in a street/community clean-up so you can be seen clearly and identified as a member of the clean-up team.
2. **Wear light or bright colored protective clothing** – dress according to weather conditions and the type of work you are doing.
3. **Wear work gloves and hard-sole, closed-toe shoes** – to prevent possible injuries, sandals or open-toes should not be worn.
4. **Work only under daylight hours and under good weather conditions** – visibility is very important when involved in graffiti removal clean-ups.
5. **Practice good safety habits** – look out for other members on your team and avoid distracting other volunteers while working. Remember the purpose of the clean-up is the safe removal of graffiti.
6. **Drink plenty of fluids** – all seasons of the year it is important to stay hydrated.
7. **Rest when needed** – do not overexert yourself, take rest breaks.
8. **Volunteers under the age of 17 must have adult supervision** – one adult supervisor to five youth volunteers is recommended for group activities.
9. **Peak traffic hours** – schedule your clean-ups during off-peak hours.
10. **Sun protection** – always protect yourself from the sun by putting on sunscreen before and during the clean-up.

Thank you for registering with the City of San Antonio's Community Graffiti Volunteer Program (CGVP). The CGVP is dedicated to a graffiti-free environment through education, community involvement and to the quality of life of its citizens. We are committed to preserve property values and neighborhoods; safeguard the safety and welfare of citizens; and to promote community pride and stewardship.

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